Claims:

1. (currently amended) A soft furnishing assembly comprising an intermediate portion having opposed ends, and at least one end portion connected to an end of the intermediate portion, the or each end portion being connected to the intermediate portion by a frangible portion, wherein the or each end portion is moveable between a first position in which the soft furnishing assembly is substantially flat and a second position in which the or each end portion angularly abuts an adjacent end of the intermediate portion and the frangible portion is broken; the intermediate portion and the or each end portion being provided with a channel, the channel being disposed substantially along the length of a rear surface of the intermediate portion and of a rear surface of the or each end portion, a support member, the channel being arranged to receive said support member and whereby a plurality of fastening members extend outwardly from the channel, the fastening members being arranged to engage with apertures provided on sides of the support member when the support member is received by the channel.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented)A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 1, wherein the or each end portion has an inclined surface, proximal to a respective end surface of the intermediate portion, the inclined surface of each end portion being the same length as the adjacent end surface, the inclined surface and end surface defining a substantially V-shaped groove, whereby the frangible portion is disposed at a trough of the V-shaped groove when the soft furnishing assembly is in the first position.

5. (previously presented)A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 1, wherein the intermediate portion and the or each end portion is upholstered with a fabric.

6. (currently amended) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim [[5]] 1, wherein the or each end portion has an inclined surface, proximal to a respective end surface of the intermediate portion, the inclined surface of each end portion being the same length as the adjacent end surface, the inclined surface and end surface defining a substantially V-shaped groove; the intermediate portion and the or each end portion being upholstered with a fabric, and wherein the soft furnishing assembly is provided with a fabric tensioning means in the form of a flexible cord arranged along the length of the V-shaped groove at the rear of the soft furnishing assembly, the flexible cord being attached at a first end to a portion of fabric that protrudes from the V-shaped groove when the soft furnishing assembly is placed in the second position and attached at an intermediate portion to an opposing portion of fabric protruding from the V-shaped groove, whereby the flexible cord is tensioned before securing a second end of the flexible cord to the rear of the soft furnishing assembly, such that upon the or each end portion being moved into the second position, the fabric tensioning means prevents fabric from protruding from the V-shaped groove when the soft furnishing assembly is in the second position.

7. (currently amended) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 6, wherein the flexible cord is attached at respective ends to a pair of opposing hook members, the hook members being arranged to project from opposing portions of fabric protruding from the V-shaped groove.

8. (currently amended) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim [[2]] 1, wherein each end portion comprises a first portion and a second portion, the first and second portions being connected by a second frangible portion, wherein the first and the second portions are moveable between a first position in which the soft furnishing assembly is substantially flat and a second position in which the or each second frangible

portion is broken and the support member is received by the channel on each of the first and second portions.

9. (previously presented)A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 8, wherein the support member comprises a first support member portion and a second support member portion, the first and second support member portions being releasably connected to one another.

10. (currently amended) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 9, wherein the second support member portion is arranged to be removed and the or each end ~~second~~ portion is arranged to be disposed about the first support member portion such that the second portion is substantially parallel with the intermediate portion.

11. (previously presented)A soft furnishing assembly according to claim 1, wherein the assembly is a pelmet assembly.

12. (previously presented)A method of construction of a soft furnishing assembly, comprising an intermediate portion having opposed ends, and at least one end portion connected to an end of the intermediate portion, the or each end portion being connected to the intermediate portion by a frangible portion, the method comprising the steps of:

- engageably arranging a support member upon a rear surface of the intermediate portion;
- moving the or each end portion about an end of the intermediate portion such that the or each end portion moves from a first position in which the soft furnishing assembly is substantially flat to a second position in which the or each end portion angularly abuts the adjacent end of the intermediate portion which causes the or each frangible portion to break; and
- fastening the or each end portion to a side of the support member.

13. (previously presented)A method according to claim 12, wherein the soft furnishing assembly is a pelmet assembly.

14. (new) A soft furnishing assembly comprising an intermediate portion having opposed

ends, and at least one end portion connected to an end of the intermediate portion, the intermediate portion and the or each end portion being arranged to form an assembled soft furnishing, wherein the intermediate portion forms a first side of the assembled soft furnishing and the or each end portion forms a respective further side of the assembled soft furnishing, the or each further side being angled to the first side when assembled, the or each end portion being connected to the intermediate portion by a respective frangible portion, whereby the or each end portion is moveable between a first position in which the soft furnishing assembly is substantially flat and a second position in which the or each end portion angularly abuts an adjacent end of the intermediate portion, and the movement from the first position towards the second causes breaking of the or each frangible portion to enable the or each end portion to be moved to the second position thereof.

15. (new) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 14, wherein the intermediate portion and the or each end portion are provided with a channel, the channel being disposed substantially along the length of a rear surface of the intermediate portion and of a rear surface of the or each end portion, the channel being arranged to receive a support member.

16. (new) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 15, wherein a plurality of fastening members extend outwardly from the channel, the fastening members being arranged to engage with apertures provided on sides of the support member when received by the channel.

17. (new) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 14, wherein the or each end portion has an inclined surface, proximal to a respective end surface of the intermediate portion, the inclined surface of each end portion being the same length as the adjacent end surface, the inclined surface and end surface defining a substantially V-shaped groove, whereby the frangible portion is disposed at a trough of the V-shaped groove when the soft furnishing assembly is in the first position.

18. A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 14, wherein the intermediate portion and the or each end portion is upholstered with fabric.

19. (new) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 18, wherein the soft furnishing assembly is provided with a fabric tensioning means in the form of a flexible cord arranged along the length of the V-shaped groove at the rear of the soft furnishing assembly, the flexible cord being attached at a first end to a portion of fabric that protrudes from the V-shaped groove when the soft furnishing assembly is placed in the second position and attached at an intermediate portion to an opposing portion of fabric protruding from the V-shaped groove, whereby the flexible cord is tensioned before securing a second end of the flexible cord to the rear of the soft furnishing assembly , such that upon the or each end potion being moved into the second position, the fabric tensioning means prevents fabric from protruding from the V-shaped groove when the soft furnishing assembly is in the second position.

20. (new) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 19, wherein the flexible cord is attached at respective ends to a pair of opposing hook members, the hook members being arranged to project from opposing portions of fabric protruding from the V-shaped groove.

21. A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 15, wherein each end portion comprises a first portion and a second portion, the first and second end portions being

connected by a second frangible portion, wherein the first and the second portions are moveable between a first position in which the soft furnishing assembly is substantially flat and a second position in which the or each second frangible portion is broken and the support member is received by the channel on each of the first and second portions.

22. (new) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 21, wherein the support member comprises a first support member portion and a second support member portion, the first and second support member portions being releasably connected to one another.

23. (new) A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 22, wherein the second support member portion is arranged to be removed and the or each second portion is arranged to be disposed about the first support member portion such that the second portion is substantially parallel with the intermediate portion.

24. A soft furnishing assembly in accordance with claim 12, wherein the assembly is a pelmet assembly.